In Cobalt 'Bomb'

Radiation Life Saver

The deadly, tissue-destroying radiations of cobalt 60 will be tamed into saving lives in Victoria's new Cancer Clinic, when it is furnished with a modern cobalt "bomb."

The money to build the new clinic, as part of the new wing to be built at Royal Jubilee Hospital, has already been provided by the annual Victoria Conquer Cancer Campaign.

Funds to buy the new cobalt "bomb" are being raised now in Victoria in the 1959 campaign. Donations should be sent to campaign headquarters, 816 Wharf Street.

Taming of the deadly radiations from a tiny, stainless steel cylinder of cobalt 60 is done by lead shutters which control precisely the only opening through which the rays can escape. The cylinder is almost completely enclosed in a steel-jacketed lead sphere.

For the many types of cancer which can best be treated by radiation, the cobalt "bomb" treatment.

It minimizes skin damage, gives much more precise control than is presently possible with conventional X-ray machines and is extremely simple to operate.

Patients will lie on a stretcher, horizontally, with the huge bulbous head of the machine above them. Beneath them will be a heavy concave shield of lead to absorb radiation which passes through their bodies.

The principal body supporting cancer research in Canada is the National Cancer Institute of Canada, 20 per cent of its funds come from federal-provincial grants, while the other 80 per cent is provided by the Canadian Cancer Society.

Pleads Not Guilty

"I am not guilty," said Alan Robert Nye last night before a Cuban revolutionary tribunal which accused him of accepting $100,000 as triggerman in a plot to assassinate Fidel Castro. The government brought 13 witnesses against the American.

Hospital at Duncan Badly Overcrowded

DUNCAN — King's Daughters' Hospital is badly overcrowded, administrator Ken Noton said this week.

On April 1 there were 120 patients in beds, he said. The 30-year-old hospital has 109 beds and 18 basinettes.

During the last two months there's hardly been a bed available," said Mr. Noton.

On March 12 there were 125 patients in beds, 106 adults and 19 babies. Only three days during the month were there fewer than 100 beds utilized.

"Children's ward is so full we're no longer taking bookings for tonsilitis operations."

To help stop overcrowding, the hospital board is planning a recovery room that will ultimately aid to patients being discharged quicker.

The room would be equipped with six special beds, costing about $450 each.

Further planning for the recovery room will probably be made at the next board meeting April 29.

One-third of the cost of the beds would be paid by the provincial government, said Mr. Noton.

Hundreds of Dimes Lost By 'Blind' Phone Users

Hundreds of dimes are being lost by users of new pay phones at Patricia Bay Airport, all because they won't follow the directions.

Instead of inserting the dime before dialling, which has been the method in the past, the new phones require the insertion after contact has been made with the person called.

An effort has been made to get patrons to use the phones properly. A plastic cap over the coin slot bears the word "READ" in large red letters, and beneath it an arrow points to the directions.

Road Talks

Arriving here Thursday for discussions with Department of Highways officials are C. W. Gilchrist, above, of Ottawa, managing director of the Canadian Good Roads Association, and association president Hon. J. T. Douglas, of Regina.

Rugby Manager Gyro Speaker

Experiences of British Columbia's rugby all-stars in Japan will be recounted to members of the Gyro Club of Victoria at their meeting at noon on Monday in the Empress Hotel. Speaker will be the team's manager, Lt.-Cmdr. Dave McKenzie.

Sidney Holds Tax Line But School Rate Jumps

Village taxes will not increase this year, finance committee chairman T. A. Alers told Sidney council when he tabled the budget for 1959.

But an increase of three mills, to 16 mills, in the school tax rate is anticipated, he said.

Public works, including the paving of several streets and the installation of a section of storm drain, will consume $13,500 during the year, with $11,000 allotted for general government expense, $3,500 for garbage service, and $3,200 as the village share of operation of the Sidney and North Saanich volunteer fire department.

Total revenue of $69,240, which includes $29,500 in school taxes which must be turned over to Saanich school district 63, will give a surplus of $640 over expenditures, Commissioner Alers estimated.

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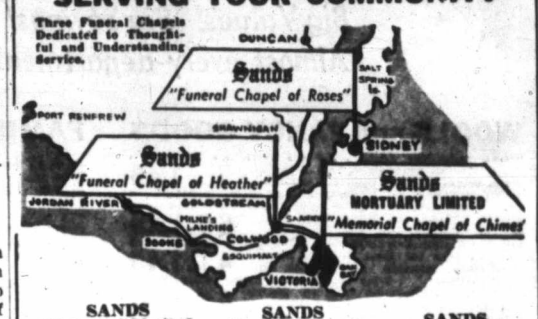

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Seven-Day Program

Parade to Open Air Cadet Week

Air cadet week in Victoria opens next Sunday with a church parade for members of No. 89 (Kinsmen) Squadron, Royal Canadian Air Cadets.

The week-long program of parades, displays and demonstrations will be rounded out Friday, April 24, with a parents' night at unit headquarters in the RCAF urban centre.

Parents will be treated to a special demonstration of the physical training program "5BX," developed by air force to condition its men and women with only 11 minutes of daily exercise.

The course will become part of the air cadet training program next year, but Sqdn. Ldr. E. A. McGowan is "getting a head start" with this local cadets' demonstration.

Some 80 members of the squadron are expected to attend the church parade next Sunday. Parade will form up at unit headquarters at 10 a.m. and march behind the squadron band to St. John's Anglican Church for Protestant services, while Roman Catholic members attend St. Andrew's Cathedral.

A display in the window of a Douglas Street department store, for the whole week, will show trophies won by the squadron, including RCAF Association trophy for the highest efficiency rating in Canada.

A crowd of 250, mostly parents, are expected to jam unit headquarters for the squadron parade and commanding officer's inspection on the Friday of air cadet week. Members of the squadron rifle team which won the Strathcona competition will receive signet ring awards.

Warrant Officer Peter Roche will also receive an award for being best shot in the competition, held annually among all air cadet squadrons in B.C.

Wednesday, April 22, is regular parade night for the girl Cadette detachment. The boys have a voluntary sports and hobbies parade on the same evening at the unit headquarters.

For City's Needy

Free Frozen Fish Soon Available

Needy persons in the Greater Victoria area will soon have access to free frozen fish according to John Rose, 1227 Union, who is conducting a canvass for funds with which to buy a deep-freeze to preserve surplus catches.

Mr. Rose said the initial drive, for $300 is within $57 of its objective.

"A few more days and I know we will have enough to buy the first freezer," he said.

The freezer will be situated at the Anchorage Boathouse, Brentwood Bay, where sport fishermen will be able to leave the excess fish which they glean from adjacent waters.

Part of the surplus catch will be distributed to the needy through the free food stall at Victoria's public market.

Sponsors of the canvass undertaken by Mr. Rose are the Chinook Club and the Victoria-Saanich Inlet Anglers' Association.

"Victoria businessmen have been wonderful in their response to this drive," Mr. Rose told the Colonist.

The freezer will have a capacity of 500 pounds of fish and is expected to do an overflow business during the peak of the local salt water angling season.

Mr. Rose said that if operation of the first unit is a success, he will recommend to the two sponsoring organizations that several more be purchased as funds become available.

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